



William Godbolt

October 19, 1941 - April 24, 2021

William “Bill” Godbolt was born in Pittsburgh, PA on October 19, 1941 to Ralph and Rose Emma (Wiggins) Godbolt. William entered this world as a 2lb preemie, can you imagine. The world lost a great husband, father, and brother. Bill told his wife “I’m tired”, and God whispered well done my faithful servant, rest now. Bill departed this life on April 24, 2021, after a courageous battle with kidney disease. He was called home at the age of 79.

Bill graduated from Schwab Trade high school where he studied to be an electrician. After graduation, he worked with his father for many years at White Tower’s in the surrounding areas. He also worked at Carnegie Mellon, American Shear Knife, UPMC Montefiore Hospital as a custodian for 23 years until his retirement. Bill also was a dedicated Deacon at Mt. Rise Baptist Church until the onset of his extended illness. A custodian at Canterbury once asked if Bill was a manager because he would tell the staff how to properly clean the floors. All we could do was just laugh.

Bill loved a good conversation and would start up a debate about any current event in a heartbeat. He was strong willed, opinionated, and passionate about things he cared about, especially when it came to family and friends. He loved to bowl and play baseball. He loved watching and listening to football, baseball, and jazz. His all-time favorite things to watch were TV westerns with John Wayne.

If you asked Bill what his greatest accomplishment was, he wouldn’t have said baseball or his career, it would have been being a father and a family man. Bill

met his wife Yvonne McWilson Godbolt through a friend (AL) 56 years ago. It was love at first site, and that love extended to Yvonne's young children, Debra and Howard. Bill was devoted to his family. To his grandkids, he was known as Pap Pap. He loved being a grandfather. He stepped in when help was needed and was there for every special moment. Bill was traditional, a provider, and the backbone of this family.

Bill was preceded in death by his father Ralph James Godbolt, mother Rose Emma Godbolt and brother Burrell "Butch" Clifford Godbolt and Ralph James Godbolt. Bill is survived by his wife Yvonne McWilson Godbolt, daughter Debra Gloster and son Howard Davis (Renee), grandchildren Mariah and Benson He will be fondly remembered by Joanne Hardy (Henry), Jacqueline Rozier (Dewitt*deceased), Eddie Godbolt (Evelyn), Brenda Gayle Godbolt and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be deeply missed by friends, family and all those who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.
218 E. 11th Avenue
Homestead, PA 15120
(412) 462-6466
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<http://www.tuniefuneralhome.com/Default.aspx>

Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

MAY 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Memorial Park
401 Curry Hollow Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Tribute Wall



“ *William Godbolt*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *William Godbolt*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Our prayers & thoughts are with you & family aunt Yvonne, Debbie ,
Mariah & Howard at your time of loss. Weeping may endure for only
a night but joy cometh in the morning !! The Mcwilson family Daric &
Cheryl, Darico & Tiffany & Darmella.*

Darico W Mcwilson - May 03, 2021 at 05:07 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and
your family in this time of grief.*

*Kimberly Hamlin
(Ding Ding)*



Kimberly Hamlin - May 02, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *You have my condolences Debbie and Mariah. Always remember
the loving and heartwarming times you shared. Those thoughts will
keep your dad/granddad near to you always.*

Carolyn Peterson - May 01, 2021 at 12:57 PM

CJ

“ *Charmaine Johnson lit a candle in memory of William Godbolt*



charmaine johnson - April 29, 2021 at 02:01 PM

CJ

May you find comfort and peace in His perfect will. Praying for your strength at this difficult time.

charmaine johnson - April 29, 2021 at 02:02 PM

KH

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of grief.

*Kimberly Hamlin
(Ding Ding)*

Kimberly Hamlin - May 02, 2021 at 04:41 PM

DK

*To the family and friends of “Billy” Godbolt,
My name is Dan Kremin and it’s almost 4 years ago that my childhood friend Billy passed away. Unfortunately, I just learned of his passing from the HHS website today and I want to put in writing my fond remembrance of my friend.*

Billy and I spent many hours together in the playground at Walnut Street School as well as our summers playing softball and shooting hoops at the West Homestead playground under supervision from Mr. John Mach, our Calhoun Jr. High teacher.

Bill and I drifted apart in our high school years and beyond but years later, as I was visiting my parents home, Bill stopped in his passing car. We reminisced for about an hour as though we were still young boys. We also talked years later at one of our high school reunions.

Our friendship goes back to the 1950s when racial tensions were prevalent but, I’m grateful to say, not between my friend Billy and me. I look forward to a lasting reunion with him in heaven!

Dan Kremin 4/22/25

Dan Kremin - April 22, 2025 at 09:00 AM